TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

FISCAL NOTE



HB 2902 - SB 3036

March 11, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Punishes domestic assault as a Class A misdemeanor.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Under current law, domestic assault is punished as assault, which is a Class A
 misdemeanor, if there is bodily injury or reasonable fear of bodily injury. If the assault
 intentionally or knowingly causes physical contact with another that a reasonable person
 would regard as extremely offensive or provocative, the offense is punished as a Class B
 misdemeanor.
- Expanding the range of punishment from a Class B to a Class A misdemeanor could result in additional jail time; however, the number of defendants who will receive additional time will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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